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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES GIVES INTERVIEW AND IS RECEIVED BY
PRESIDENT MOBUTU

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1. ON AUGUST 10 THE ANGOLAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN KINSHASA,
MAJOR KAMO D'ALMEIDA (ALSO KAMU DE ALMEIDA) WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT
MOBUTU FOR 30 MINUTES. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ANGOLAN CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES IN THE CONGO, DONBELO MBELA BERUARDO. KAMO REFUSED ANY
COMMENT CONCERNING THE MEETING, CONTENTING HIMSELF WITH ROUTINE
STATEMENTS OF THANKS FOR THE WARM WELCOME HE HAD BEEN GIVEN BY
THE ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES AND NOTING THAT HIS NOMINATION WAS "A
FUNDEMENTAL FACTOR IN THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BTWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE PEOPLES." MAJOR
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KAMO GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO THE ZAIRIAN PRESS AGENCY, AZAP LATER ON
AUGUST 11

2. BEGIN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF INTERVIEW: "REOPENING THE BENGUELA
RAILROAD IS A VICTORY FOR ANGOLA, ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA. IT WILL BE
EQUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR CERTAIN EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES WHICH MAINTAIN ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH

OUR THREE COUNTRIES." MAJOR KAMU D'ALMEIDA, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA AFFIRMED YESTERDAY IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW GIVEN TO THE ZAIRIAN PRESS AGENCY AT HIS RESIDENCE IN THE OAU VILLAGE.

MAJOR KAMU D'ALMEIDA DECLARED THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT IN THE FUTURE OF THE FRATERNAL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA SINCE THE NORMALIZATION OF CONTACTS RENDERED POSSIBLE BY THE CREATION OF THE MIXED ZAIRIAN/ANGOLAN COMMISSION AT BRAZZAVILLE IN 1976. "WE CAN ONLY HAVE CONFIDENCE

IN THE NORMAL EVOLUTION OF THESE RELATIONS NOW THAT THE FIRST STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN," THE ANGOLAN DIPLOMAT UNDERSCORED. MOREOVER, HE ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO DISARM

THE KATANGAN EX-GENDARMES AND REMOVE THEM SOME 250 KILOMETERS FROM THE FRONTIER WITH ZAIRE. BEFORE EXPRESSING HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO CONSOLIDATE THE FRIENDLY

RELATIONS BETWEEN KINSHASA AND LUANDA, MAJOR KAMU D'ALMEIDA RECALLED THAT THE KANTANGAN EX-GENDARMES ARE JUST AS FREE TO RETURN HOME AS ARE THE ANGOLAN CITIZENS ESTABLISHED IN ZAIRE. HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA WILL DEPEND ON THE EVOLUTION OF THEIR RELATIONS ON THE POLITICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANE. MAJOR KAMU D'ALMEIDA INDICATED THAT DIFFERENCES OF IDEOLOGICAL OPTIONS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE TO THE REINFORCEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN KINSHASA AND LUANDA. "EACH NATION HAS THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE ITS REGIME AND ITS POLITICAL SYSTEM," HE SAID. END TRANSLATION. DAVIS

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